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OLE!

C'MON, WHAT ARE WE DOING *HERE?!*

EL GUAPO, MEXICO

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TENNYSON FAMILY TRADITION, BEN. *MY* GRANDFATHER TOOK *ME* WHEN I WAS A KID...

WHEN, A MILLION YEARS AGO...?

NICE ATTITUDE, CUZ. JUST 'CAUSE YOU DON'T SPEAK THE *LANGUAGE...!*

AND YOU *DO?* WHATEVER.

BEN... GWEN... *BOTH* OF YOU, COOL IT.

WE'RE HERE TO SEE AN AUTHENTIC MEXICAN *BULLFIGHT.* MAN AGAINST BEAST. YOU'LL *LOVE* IT.

*IN A NEARBY LAB...*

*=NG!=* WITH THESE FEW, FINAL ADJUSTMENTS...

...SEÑOR CHAOS WILL BECOME THE *GREATEST BULLFIGHTER* THAT HAS EVER LIVED!

I WILL DEFEAT *MORE* THAN A MERE BEAST OF THE FIELD--

--WITH THIS *ROBOTIC BULL*, I'LL GIVE THEM A *REAL* SHOW! THE BEST THEY'VE EVER *SEEN!*

CLANG!

FORTUNATELY, I CONTROL ITS EVERY MOVE...

OLE! OLE! OLE!

"... AND THE CROWD WILL *THRILL* TO MY VICTORY!"

JUST SO YOU GUYS KNOW--

--I'M LESS THAN THRILLED TO *BE* HERE.

I MEAN, CAN'T WE JUST GRAB A TACO AND GET BACK TO THE GOOD OL' *U.S.* OF *A?*

BEN! THE BULLFIGHT HASN'T EVEN STARTED YET!

SHE'S RIGHT, BEN. SAYS RIGHT HERE THAT THE MAIN EVENT INVOLVES "LOCAL CELEBRITY MATADOR"...

...."SEÑOR CHAOS"!

AHHH, YES...

...WORSHIP ME, MY ADORING THRONG!

NOW... WE SHALL GIVE THEM SOMETHING THEY WILL NEVER FORGET--!

BEEP

BZZZZT

POP

HOLY--! THE BULL'S GONE MAD!

BEN! YOU HAVE TO--

ALREADY WAY AHEAD OF YOU, GRANDPA!

WHUMP

IT'S LITTLE *GREYMATTER* TO THE RESCUE!

JUST THE RIGHT *NERVE PINCH* AND THIS BULL'S--

--YEEEIKES!

O-OKAY... MAYBE THIS W-WASN'T THE *BEST CHOICE--!*

C-CAN'T *HOLD* ON--

KRUNCH

SPLORT

OWWWW...!

SMOOTH MOVE, DUDE!

GWEN! DON'T RUB IT IN...!

*BEN!* ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?

YEAH. I KNOW, I KNOW... NOT MY *FINEST* PERFORMANCE.

NEXT TIME I'LL--

THAT "NEXT TIME" IS *NOW*, BEN! LOOK AT WHAT'S *HAPPENING!*

THIS BULL IS *TEARING THE TOWN APART!* IT'S UP TO *YOU!*

OKAY, GRANDPA! YOU GUYS *STAND BACK...*

TRY TO PICK THE *RIGHT ONE* THIS TIME, GENIUS!

NO PROBLEM--!

DOES *FOURARMS* FIT THE BILL, GWEN?!

I'M READY TO *RUMBLE* NOW--

*NO!* DON'T... WHAT*EVER* YOU ARE--

--BULLS ARE *ANGERED* BY THE COLOR *RED!*

OH, YEAH? WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S *GAME ON,* THEN!

AN' I'M READY TO *PLAY!*

SLAMMM

W-WHOA...

...ANYBODY CATCH THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER ON THAT *CEMENT TRUCK...?*

WAIT A SEC...

...THAT THING WASN'T EVEN *REAL!* IT'S A *ROBOT!*

MY GREATEST CREATION... THEY WOULD'VE LOVED ME EVEN *MORE...*

TELL IT TO THE *JUDGE,* SEÑOR...!

WELL, *THAT'S* USING YOUR *HEAD* FOR ONCE!

WELL DONE, BEN... YOU SAVED EL GUAPO AND EVERYONE IN IT. YOU SHOULD BE *PROUD.*

MAYBE *LATER,* GRANDPA...

...RIGHT NOW, I'LL SETTLE FOR SOME *ASPIRIN* AND A RIDE BACK ACROSS THE *BORDER.*

AS FAR AS *I'M* CONCERNED, *THIS* SPORT'S JUST A BUNCHA *BULL...!*

END

BEN 10

# FAST LANE

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THEY'RE *AMAZING*, GRADY! HOW FAST ARE THEY GOING?

UP TO TWO HUNDRED AND TEN MILES AN HOUR, GWEN!

MY OLD FRIEND *GRADY* WAS NICE ENOUGH TO INVITE US.

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT APPRECIATE A LITTLE FUEL-INJECTED FUN AFTER MONDAY'S DEBACLE AT THE LOUISIANAN *ANT FARM.*

WHAT DO *YOU* THINK, BEN?

...I THINK MY EARS ARE BLEEDING.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE *BORED,* BEN? LOOK AT THOSE FEATS OF HUMAN ENGINEERING! IT TAKES A LOT OF *SKILL* TO BE A RACECAR DRIVER!

*SKILL?* ALL THEY DO IS DRIVE AROUND IN A CIRCLE!

VROOM

SHOOTING STAR

WOW-- 218.432 SECONDS! THAT'S A TRACK RECORD!

BILL ELLIOT ONLY DID *210.386,* AND THAT WAS *BEFORE* THE CARBURETOR RESTRICTIONS--

HOW COULD YOU EVEN POSSIBLY KNOW THAT? YOU'RE A *GIRL!*

SHE'S RIGHT, BEN! AND ON ANY OTHER DAY THAT WOULD BE A TRACK RECORD, BUT TODAY, WE'RE JUST LUCKY

*HUH?* YOU'VE GOT THE FINEST CAR OUT HERE. WHAT ELSE COULD POSSIBLY GO UP AGAINST HER?

RUMBLE

--UH, WHAT IS *THAT!*

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL... AND HE SHOWS HIS TAILPIPE.

THAT IS THE *FLYING DUTCHMAN!* IT'S BEEN BURNING UP THE TRACK ALL WEEK AND WIPING OUT THE COMPETITION IN THE TIME TRAILS.

IT LOOKS LIKE IT DROVE OUT OF AN OLD HORROR MOVIE!

BOOM KRM

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

*NO ONE* HAS. SOMETHING *EERIE* ABOUT THAT CAR. THE DRIVER KEEPS IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

NO ONE HAS GOTTEN THE CHANCE TO LOOK UNDER ITS HOOD. IT'S GOT SOME OF THE BOYS IN THE PIT SPOOKED! THERE'S TALK OF SOMETHING *UNNATURAL* ABOUT IT.

UNNATURAL? WHAT, LIKE *HAUNTED?*

VROOM

HAUNTED OR NOT, THAT FLYING DUTCHMAN IS *UNBEATABLE.* IF I CAN'T GET A LITTLE MORE SPEED OUT OF MY CAR, I MAY AS WELL PACK UP MY WRENCH AND RETIRE!

DON'T DO IT, DWEEB.

DO WHAT?

I CAN TELL BY THAT STUPID LOOK ON YOUR FACE... YOU'RE *THINKING!*

LATER THAT NIGHT.

WHAT IS IT YOU *THINK* YOU'RE DOING?

GRADY SAID NO ONE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK UNDER THE DUTCHMAN'S HOOD. MAYBE *I* CAN HELP OUT. KEEP A LOOKOUT.

LOOK OUT-- FOR WHAT?

BEEP BEEP

VEEP VEEP

*GHOSTS,* SILLY! GRADY SAID THIS THING WAS HAUNTED! THOUGHT MAYBE I'D DO A LITTLE HAUNTING OF MY OWN AS *GHOST FREAK!*

*WHOA!* NOW *THAT'S* SOMETHING YOU DON'T SEE EVERY-DAY!

*THE ENGINE!* IT'S SOME SORT OF A *TRANS-DIMENSIONAL* DOORWAY!

...GEEZ, LISTEN TO ME, I'M STARTING TO SOUND LIKE *GWEN.*

WHOOO-GA ENTERS THE REALM OF THE SPEED DEMON =HONK= ANIMUS?

WHAT THE?--

A *NEW* PART! =BEEP= =HONK= FINALLY! MY *REPLACEMENT!*

REPLACEMENT! I THINK YOU GOT THE *WRONG* GHOST, BUDDY!

I'VE HEARD OF A GHOST IN THE MACHINE, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

SORRY, EXHAUST BREATH. WHAT I *NEED* RIGHT NOW IS TO BLOW--

--ESPECIALLY BEFORE I CHANGE BACK!

COME *HERE* GHOSTLING, =VROOOM= THIS *APPARATUS* =HONK= =BEEP= NEEDS THE *FUEL* OF YOUR =CLANK= =HONK= *SPIRIT!*

BEEP BEEP

BEEP BEEP

*PART!* COME *BACK!* =HONK= I OFFER YOU A SEAT AT THE VICTORY TABLE!

YEAH, AS NICE AS THAT OFFER SOUNDS-- LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DRIVE SOLO.

BESIDES, I'VE GOTTA WARN GRADY AND GRANDPA. THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING IN THE RULE BOOKS AGAINST A *GHOST-POWERED* CAR!

...BEN? BEN, ARE YOU STILL IN HERE?

--OVER *HERE,* GIRL.

GRANDPA! IT'S TRUE! THE DUTCHMAN--! IT'S... IT'S HAUNTED! WE GOT TO TELL THE JUDGES OR AN EXORCIST... OR SOMETHING!

UH, LET'S TALK OVER HERE, BEN. WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK THAT YOU'VE BLOWN A PISTON. NOW, TELL ME SLOWLY--

I TURNED INTO GHOST FREAK AND WENT INSIDE THE DUTCHMAN!

THERE IS SOME CRAZY SMOKE-STACK GENIE THING THAT LIVES INSIDE IT. I THINK HE USES SOULS TO FEED HIS ENGINE. GWEN AND I...

GWEN? WHERE IS SHE?

OH NO!

BEN? ARE YOU STILL IN THERE? COME OUT, THIS ISN'T FUNNY.

PART-- I OFFER YOU VICTORY!

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU CRAZY CAR!

CLICK

GWEN!

OH NO.

HEY! GIVE HER BACK!

YOU WANT HER BACK? THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO WIN HER!

SO THE GHOST WANTS A RACE?

TIME TO XLR8!

OH MAN, UPGRADE? ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'M GONNA FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE THIS WATCH!

COME ON, BEN, I GOT AN IDEA.

UH, GRANDPA-- YOU KNOW I'M TOO YOUNG TO DRIVE.

STEP ASIDE, SLOWPOKES, AND LET A *REAL* CAR THROUGH!

BEN, *CONCENTRATE!*

HEY, *ANIMUS!* YOU READY TO *EAT* SOME *RUBBER?!*

FOOLISH BOY. *=HONK= =BEEP=* I HAVE *NEVER* LOST A RACE!

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN *THAT,* GEARHEAD! YOU'RE DEALING WITH A *STATE-OF-THE-ART ALIEN HI-TECH MUSCLE CAR* NOW!

*ANIMUS!* WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

I WAS CURSED BY A *SPEED DEMON, CURSED* TO INHABIT THIS MACHINE UNTIL SOMEONE CAN *BEST* ME IN *BATTLE!*

WHY DON'T YOU JUST SLOW DOWN AND LET *ME* WIN?

*I CANNOT!* THAT IS PART OF THE CURSE! IF YOU WANT THE GIRL *BACK,* YOU *MUST* BEST ME!

OR WE WILL BOTH BE *TRAPPED* INSIDE THIS CAR UNTIL SOMEONE *ELSE* DOES!

SPROING

GUESS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THIS THE *HARD* WAY!

YOU KNOW I COULD MAKE A JOKE ABOUT TIMING, BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY.

BEEP BEEP

BEN, WE'RE LOSING POWER!

TELL ME ABOUT IT!

ALAS, IT APPEARS THAT ONCE AGAIN I AM *:HONK:* *:BLEEP:* VICTORIOUS!

NOT IF MY *NOSE* HAS ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!

*:HONK:* NO!

?

YOU DID IT, BEN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT RACING *NOW*, BEN?

WELL, GRANDPA, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY--

--YOU WIN SOME, YOU LOSE SOME--OR YOU *WRECK* SOME. THAT'S JUST *LIFE* IN THE *FAST LANE!*

THE END

# SNOWBLIND

GAHH!

SPLAT!

MT. PACKER, COLORADO. JULY.

YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME, GWEN!

BEN TENNYSON! WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON YOU-!

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I'M IN MY ELEMENT-!

UFFH!

*HA!* YOU SURE *ARE* IN IT! *HA!*

HUH...? MORE SNOW...?

IN THE MIDDLE OF JULY–?!

THIS FREAK OUT-OF-SEASON STORM IS CHURNING UP *AGAIN*, KIDS, WE'D BETTER GET DOWN THE HILL!

IT SURE SEEMS MORE 'FREAK' THAN 'STORM.'

VRRRRRM

THE NORTH FACE.

THEY CALLED ME A *FREAK*?!

WELL, LOOK AT ME *NOW*!

AM I A *FREAK* FOR WANTING THIS MOUNTAIN *FREE* OF *PEOPLE* AND LEFT AS *NATURE* INTENDED IT?

*FOOLS!* THEY THINK THIS MOUNTING AVALANCHE IS FOR THEIR PLEASURE?!

LET'S SEE HOW MUCH FUN THEY HAVE WHEN IT ALL COMES *CRASHING DOWN* UPON THEM!

FWOOOSH

THIS BLIZZARD IS NUTS!

AND DANGEROUS! IF PEOPLE TRY TO GET DOWN DURING THIS THEY'LL SKI INTO TREES, OR OVER CLIFFS, OR–!

NOT IF *I* HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT...

AND I *DO!*

*HEATBLAST* TO THE RESCUE!

*NO*, BEN! WRONG HERO!

YEAH, "GENIUS"!

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT *HEAT* PLUS *SNOW* EQUALS–

ICE!! AHHHHHHHH!

EEEEH!

WHOA-!

OH, *YEAH*, HUH?

BUT HEY, I DIDN'T GET A *C-MINUS* IN SCIENCE FOR *NOTHING!*

FOOOSH

I CAN MAKE THE OLD SLIP-AND-SLIDE 100% *ALPINE* SLIDE!

GOOD JOB CREATING-OOF-A *BOBSLED* RUN FOR US, MATCH-HEAD.

BAD JOB NOT-*OW!*-GETTING US THE BOBSLEDS *FIRST! UNH!*

*HEATBLAST!* SEE IF YOU CAN BANK A CURVE OVER TO THIS ACCESS ROAD!

I FOUND A ROPE I CAN USE TO TOW EVERYONE DOWN TO SAFETY!

NO PROBLEM, GRAND-UH- *CITIZEN!*

UNLESS THE WATCH POWER RUNS OUT BEFORE I GET IT DONE!

BETTER HURRY BEFORE I-

--BURN OUT!

NICE JOB, DWEEB.

HEY, ALL'S WELL THAT *ENDS* WELL, RIGHT?

WHUMP

I DON'T THINK THIS IS *OVER* YET...

*THIS IS NOT OVER YET!*

I ASKED NICELY FOR THE REMOVAL OF THIS RESORT FROM THIS MOUNTAIN...

TOMORROW, I *WILL* REMOVE IT *MYSELF!*

YOU CAN MARK THE WORDS OF... *FROSTBYTE!*

I FOUND HIM!

HIS NAME'S GEOFF DERKSEN, A FORMER *MECHANICAL WHIZ* TURNED *ENVIRONMENTALIST.*

HE FOUGHT THE *DEVELOPMENT* OF PACKER MOUNTAIN BUT *LOST.*

FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS, TOMORROW, HE PLANS TO CAUSE SOME KIND OF AVALANCHE WITH ALL THE SNOW HE CREATED.

WE'LL HAVE TO BE THERE TO EXTEND HIS *LOSING STREAK* TO 2 AND 0.

THE NEXT MORNING...

...THIS TRACKER SHOULD LEAD US TO THE UNIQUE *ENERGY FIELD* FROSTBYTE'S *COLD GENERATORS* THROW OUT.

GRANDPA? HOW IS IT YOU KNOW HOW TO BUILD ALL THESE HIGH-TECH GADGETS OUT OF ALL YOUR LOW-TECH JUNK?

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

OH, UM YOU KNOW... IT'S JUST A, UH, *HOBBY*–

I FOUND HIM! *THERE!*

*DUH.* HE'S STANDING RIGHT BY THE LIFT.

BEEP BEEP

GIVE IT UP, DERKSEN! YOUR GOAL MAY HAVE BEEN *NOBLE,* BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET YOU *BURY* THESE PEOPLE JUST TO *WIN* A BATTLE.

THE NAME IS *FROSTBYTE.* AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF "BURYING" THEM...

...I NEEDED LAST NIGHT TO *INVERT* MY SUIT'S INPUTS TO *HEAT* GENERATORS!

I CREATED THE *SNOW* SO I COULD *MELT* IT IN A MASSIVE RUNOFF AND *FLOOD* THIS PLACE *FROM* THE FACE OF THE PLANET!

IT'S THE LAST GUY I EVER THOUGHT I'D BE ON A *SKI SLOPE*--

--BUT THIS IS A JOB FOR--

--*RIPJAWS!*

DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE GOING UP!

*GWEN! SERVICE!*

COMING RIGHT UP, FISH STICK!

*WHUPP*

*MAN OVERBOARD!*

*WAY* OVERBOARD.

ALL RIGHT, TREE NUT. NOW WE'RE IN *MY* ELEMENT!

YOU READY TO–

UNNNH....

--FIGHT...?

SERIOUSLY, ONE LOOK AT ME AND HE JUST *PASSED OUT.*

I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO *SLUG* HIM OR *BITE* HIM OR–

LATER...

SPLAT

YOUR FACE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE THAT EFFECT!

I GUESS "UGLY" IS IN YOUR ELEMENT TOO!

END

# FEAR ITSELF

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GRANDPA, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT WHEN SOMEONE GOES A *LONG* WAY TO SEE SOMETHING VERY, VERY SPECIAL? MAYBE THE *MOST* SPECIAL THING IN THE *ENTIRE* UNIVERSE?

A PILGRIMAGE?

YEAH. THAT... WE HAVE MADE A PILGRIM-THING... TO THE *FEAR FACTORY.*

Fear Factory

THE LARGEST HAUNTED HOUSE IN THE WORLD. THREE AND A HALF MILES OF *HORROR.* I HEAR LAST YEAR, THEY *LOST* HALF A DOZEN KIDS...

...AND THE YEAR BEFORE, AN ENTIRE SCHOOL TRIP WENT INSANE. IT'S *BEAUTIFUL!*

GWEN? YOU OKAY? YOU CAN COME WITH ME TO THE STORE, IF YOU--

ME? YEAH... FINE. JUST THINKING HOW S-STUPID THIS IS. GUYS IN COSTUMES AND ANIMATRONIC G-GHOSTS...

S-SLIMY THINGS CRAWLING ON YOU...

OH, YEAH... IT'LL BE TOTALLY *LAME.*

THERE'S ROOM F'R ONE MORE, PARDNER! *AHHAHAHAHAHA!!*

*AAAAAAAAAAAR!!*

YOU'RE KIDDING. *THAT* SCARED YOU?!

YOU CAN SEE THE *WIRES!* AND THAT DIALOGUE--! PUH-*LEASE!*

YOU'RE JUST TOO *DUMB* TO BE SCARED, BEN TENNYSON!

I HAPPEN TO HAVE A HIGHLY DEVELOPED INTELLECT, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR--

*GAAAAAK!*

ACCOUNTS FOR YOU BEING A WEENIE! *BWAHH HA!*

THAT'S NOT VERY NICE.

DON'T WORRY, GWEN CAN HANDLE A SCARE-- SHE HAS TO LOOK AT HERSELF IN THE *MIRROR* EVERY DAY.

BESIDES...

BEING *SCARED* NEVER HURT ANYONE.

*FWOOSH!*

E=MC SQUARED... FIND COMFORT IN LOGIC... THE SQUARE ROOT OF A HYPOTENUSE IS...

HA HA! THE UNDEAD *TICKLE!*

=SNIF= WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

=SNIF= YOU FINALLY WETTING YOUR PANTS?

=SNIF= DUDE...

...FIRE!

WHERE ARE THE *ALARMS?* THE SPRINKLERS SHOULD--

WHO CARES? *RUN!*

TH-THAT'S REAL... THAT'S *REAL* FIRE!

WHAT GAVE IT AWAY, EINSTEIN? THE *SCREAMS* OR THE *SMELL* OF BURNING FAKE ZOMBIES?

DON'T JUST STAND THERE LIKE A DOOFUS!

GO HERO!

RIGHT! *HEATBLAST* WILL GET THIS FIRE UNDER CONTROL--

RIPJAWS?

WHEN ARE YOU GONNA LEARN HOW TO USE THAT *STUPID* WATCH?

*S-SAVE IT*, G-GWEN... I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD...

YOU CAN'T LIVE OUT OF WATER! YOU'RE *DRYING* OUT! *BEN!* COME ON, BEN!

THE EXIT'S *BLOCKED!* HOW DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?

EXIT

*HIDE, HIDE, HIDE.*

PULL IT TOGETHER, GILL-BRAIN... PEOPLE *NEED* YOU!

*SPLOOSH!*

HELP US! HELLLLLLP!

FLOOOSH!

FSSSSSSSH

I NEVER *EVER* WANT TO TASTE RIDE WATER AGAIN. *EEEW.*

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE--

HELP! HELP!

DID YOU HEAR--?

*YOU GO!* I'M ALL OVER IT!

SCARED, SCARED, SCARED...

HEY, KID...

LET'S *HOTFOOT* IT OUT OF HERE!

KLOK!

AAAAAAAAH!

HELLLLLLP!

THAT'S WHAT I'M *TRYING* TO-- ≠KAFF≠ NO! NOT *NOW!*

*OMNITRIX,* IF YOU EVER LOVED ME...

I NEED MORE HERO! *PLEASE!*

≠KAFF≠ M-MONSTERS... ≠KAFFF≠... HELP...

HOP ON, KID! THE EXPRESS TRAIN TO *SAFETY-VILLE* LEAVES NOW-- WITH *STINKFLY!*

*LEAVE ME ALONE!*

WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH THAT KID? WE'RE TOAST IF WE DON'T GET OUT OF HERE *NOW!* IS HE AFRAID OF BEING *RESCUED?*

OR... IS HE JUST AFRAID OF *ME?*

MONSTERS EVERYWHERE...

FIRE EVERYWHERE... SO SLEEPY...

*KID! HEY, KID!*

SEE? I TOLD YOU, BUDDY...

THERE'S *NOTHING* TO BE AFRAID OF.

GWEN, I...*UM*... I GUESS...

I'M SORRY FOR MAKING FUN OF YOU BEFORE.

BEING SCARED... IS NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF. IN FACT... SOMETIMES, IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE.

I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS SCARIER... A FIVE-ALARM FIRE...

...OR THAT BEN ACTUALLY LEARNED SOMETHING!

THE END

LITTLEVILLE, USA--

GRANDPA? YOU THINK IT'S *US*?

WHAT?

WELL, LOOK. OUR VAN *BREAKS DOWN* IN THIS TINY TOWN--

--MILES FROM *ANYWHERE*--

THE HARBOR CLUB
FINE DINING

--AND BEN *STILL* WINDS UP FIGHTING A *SUPER-VILLAIN!*

ZZZTAY *BACK*, CREATURE!

ZZZEEK *NOT* TO INTERFERE WITH THE CRIMINAL DEALINGZZZ OF *MY VOLTAGE!*

SHYEAH, *RIGHT!*

# BEN 10™ A VILLAIN A DAY


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"HY VOLTAGE"? GOTTA WORK ON THAT *NAME*, DUDE!

THEY CALL *ME* RIPJAWS. WANNA KNOW *WHY*?

KEEP WATCHING THE *FRONT END* OF YOUR BOAT!

THIZZ BECOMEZZZ *TIREZZZOME*.

DO YOU *REALIZZZE*, CREATURE--

--THAT WATER *CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY*?

ARRRGH!

...DRAMATIC *ESCAPE* EARLIER TODAY!

LIVE

BREAKING NEWS CNN

YEAH. BECAUSE MY *DOOFUS* COUSIN DOESN'T KNOW THAT WHEN YOU FIGHT SOMEBODY *ELECTRIC*, YOU SHOULDN'T JUMP IN THE *WATER!*

GIVE ME A *BREAK!* THERE WAS A *LAKE!* WHO WAS I *SUPPOSED* TO TURN INTO?

*GEEZAMATAZZ!* WHAT A *MESS!* IT'LL TAKE TWO OR THREE *DAYS* JUST TO GET THE *PARTS!*

THREE *DAYS?* IS THERE ANY WAY TO DO IT SOONER?

...IS BUT THE *LATEST* ADDITION TO THE RASH OF SUPER-VILLAINS WHO HAVE RECENTLY APPEARED TO TERRORIZE LITTLEVILLE.

KNIGHTMARE

AIR-WALKER

THE TOWN IS LEFT TO WONDER: WHERE DO THEY *COME* FROM? ARE THERE *OTHERS* WAITING IN THE WINGS?

GIMMICK GUY

CYCLOTRON

'COURSE, IF YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR *REAL* PARTS, I CAN PROBABLY COBBLE SOMETHING TOGETHER. I'M PRETTY GOOD AT *TINKERING!*

COME BACK IN A FEW HOURS, AND I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

*HMMM...*

THANKS.

LATER--

NOT A BAD LUNCH. IT'S BEEN *AGES* SINCE I HAD A GOOD *MACROBIOTIC* MEAL...

YEAH, RIGHT. THE *TOFU PILAF* WAS A REAL *TREAT.*

I DON'T GET IT. WHY WOULD SO *MANY* SUPER-VILLAINS SHOW UP *ALL AT ONCE?*

YEAH, ESPECIALLY IN A NOWHERE TOWN LIKE *LITTLEVILLE!*

BEN! THIS IS A *NICE* TOWN!

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THE VILLAINS. IT MUST BE A *FLUKE*-- ONCE IN A LIFETIME.

KA-BOOM

HIT THE DIRT, LOSERS!

'CAUSE *URBAN GORILLA* IS COMIN' THROUGH!

OKAY, MAYBE *TWICE* IN A LIFETIME.

I'M *ON* IT!

LIKE THEY SAY, "IT *TAKES* A SUPER-POWERED ANIMAL TO *CATCH* A SUPER-POWERED --"

GRRAAAAWWRRR!

WILDMUTT?

WILDMUTT.

WAH-HOOO!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM, DOGFACE!

BUT I'M GONNA MAKE A *MONKEY* OUTTA--

KHOOM

KHOOM

KHOOM

WHA--? THAT WAS *RAPID FIRE!* HOW'D YOU *DODGE?*

GEEZAMATAZZ! *WATCH* IT, WILLYA?

RAWW-RRRR!

THIS *SONIC GRENADE* OUGHTTA HOLD YA!

PURE *BARRAGE* OF *SOUND!*

ARRROOOOOOO!

*HEY!* WHERE'D HE GO?

A HEAVILY ARMED *GORILLA* WITH *GRENADES?*

ANYWHERE HE *WANTS.*

BEN! CAN WE STOP WITH THE BLINDING FLASHES OF LIGHT ALREADY?

SORRY.

MAKES SENSE. ARE YOU SURE?

THAT WAS NO GORILLA, THOUGH.

WILDMUTT'S INFRARED VISION SHOWED A GUY INSIDE THAT GORILLA SUIT--

--AND I BET I KNOW WHO!

REALLY? IT'D BE NICE TO PUT AT LEAST ONE OF THESE CROOKS OUT OF BUSINESS...

OH, I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT--

--I CAN SHUT 'EM ALL DOWN!

I CAN'T *BELIEVE* IT, RICKY! YOU *FIXED* IT!

*VROOOO

--YOU'RE *ALL* OF THEM!

*ONE* SECRET IDENTITY WOULD LEAVE A *TRAIL* FOR THE COPS! *LOTS* OF SECRET IDENTITIES THREW *EVERYONE* OFF--

--EXCEPT *YOU*!

YEAH, WELL, LET'S JUST SAY--

--I'M *FAMILIAR* WITH THE IDEA!

THWAK

YOU KNOW, THAT WAS A NICE PIECE OF *DETECTIVE WORK*, BEN.

YEAH, TWERP. NICE *PUNCH*, TOO!

NO BIGGIE. IT WAS SOMETHING I *HAD* TO DO...

...THIS ONE-HORSE TOWN WASN'T *BIG* ENOUGH FOR THE *TWENTY* OF US!

THE END

I *KNOW* THIS TOWN! THEY *USED* TO HAVE A GREAT *SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL* EVERY YEAR. I WONDER WHY THEY AREN'T DOING IT *THIS* SUMMER?

I GUESS THEY GOT *BORED* WITH IT. I KNOW I WOULD HAVE.

DON'T BE SUCH A *FLAGRANT* IGNORAMUS, BEN. SHAKESPEARE IS ANYTHING *BUT* BORING.

I MEAN, WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY GET ALL OF THOSE *IDEAS* FOR THE COMICS YOU LOVE SO MUCH? THEY JUST STEAL THEM FROM *BIG WILLIE SHAKES!*

WHACK

*HEY!* YEAH, WELL, *HAMLET* NEVER WORE *TIGHTS* AND A *CAPE!*

BEN 10

# TECHNO ZOMBIES

WELL, SUPER-HEROES HAVE COOLER POWERS THAN *INDECISION*. *TO BE OR NOT TO BE?* WHAT'S THAT GOT OVER A *FLYING KNUCKLE SANDWICH?*

UH... AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE *DID!* *HA HA HA!*

DON'T GO *TOO* FAR, KIDS! WE'LL JUST STOP FOR *LUNCH* AND KEEP HEADING TOWARD *PORTLAND.*

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WHOA! LOOK AT THAT COOL SLIDE!

YEAH! GRANDPA, CAN WE *PLAY* FOR A LITTLE BEFORE LUNCH?

WELL...

PLEASE, GRANDPA. MY BUTT HURTS FROM *SITTING* FOR SO LONG.

SURE. GO HAVE FUN.

AWESOME! I'M GOIN' FOR THE SLIDE!

THESE MONKEY BARS LOOK HARDER THAN THE ONES I'M USED TO.

EXCUSE ME, MISS. DO YOU MIND IF I SIT HERE?

HEY, THIS IS A COOL PARK. I'M BEN. WHATCHA LISTENING TO ON THOSE WEIRD *HEADPHONES*?

MAN, I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR YOU GIRLS GET UP HERE. IT'S SO *QUIET* IN THIS TOWN...

YES, MA'M, I ALWAYS LIKED HOW QUIET IT WAS IN YOUR TOWN.

LEMME TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR LITTLE ANGEL... HUH? WHY IS YOUR *BABY* WEARING THOSE HEADPHONES TOO?

UH-OH! I KNEW THIS TOWN WAS TOO QUIET!

THIS THING REALLY SUCKS YOU INTO IT! GWEN! GRANDPA! OH NO, THEY'RE IN *TROUBLE*!

I GOTTA DO SOMETHING-- *FAST!*

*NOOOOO!* GREY MATTER? HE'S TOO *SMALL* TO SAVE GRANDPA AND GWEN! THIS SUUUUUUCKS!

WHOOOSH

WHEEEE! UH-OH, I'VE GOT COMPANY!

THIS IS MY STOP! HAVE A NICE TRIP!

FWOOOSH

IF I INCREASE MY DENSITY I CAN USE THE SUCTION TO INCREASE MY VELOCITY...

...AND I CAN FLY OUT...

...TO SAVE...

...THE DAAAAAAY!

UH! HEY, THERE'S SOME SORT OF MUSICAL SIGNAL EMANATING FROM THESE HEADPHONES!

SHLORP

AH-HA! IF I REDIRECT THE CURRENT, MAYBE I CAN GET THIS GIZMO TO ACT LIKE A BACKWARDS BEACON AND SEND GWEN BACK TO THE SOURCE.

THIS OUGHTA DO IT. *OOPS!* NO TIME TO ADMIRE MY HANDIWORK, I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE...

...BEFORE IT'S TOO *LATE!*

*OOF!* THAT WAS CLOSE.

THUD

WELL, AT LEAST IT *WORKED*. I BETTER WAIT A SECOND BEFORE I FOLLOW THEM IN.

SHHH! WAIT, THAT WAS THE FIRST REAL *NOISE* I'VE HEARD AROUND HERE. THIS TOWN IS WAY TOO *QUIET*.

SCREEEAAK

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?! SOME NEW FANS BEEN DIGGING THAT *ALIEN* SOUND THAT MAKES YOUR HEADS GO 'ROUND AND ROUND? *DJ ZENUT* HAS Y'ALLS MINDS ON LOCKDOWN!

*HA HA HA!*

*Z-NUTS* IS RIGHT! THAT TWISTED DJ MUST BE USING ALL THIS WEIRD EQUIPMENT TO SEND OUT THE SIGNAL THAT IS KEEPING THE TOWN SO *ZOMBIFIED*.

CHECK IT! I'VE PERFECTED MY SOUND ON A *LOW FREQUENCY.* THE LOCALS WERE SO COOPERATIVE, I'VE SHOWN THEM A *BETTER* WAY TO *LIVE!*

BUT *NOW* I'M GONNA TAKE THIS THING *GLOBAL,* BABY!

WE WON'T NEED THOSE HEAD-PHONES FOR *LONG!* ONCE I GET THE AIR TO SING MY *SONG!* HA HA HA!!!

KAKAKAK

OOF! I KNOW JUST... UH! ...WHO WE *NEED*...

*WHOA!* MAN, I DIDN'T KNOW I'D HAVE SUCH A *POWERFUL* EFFECT! HEE HEE HEE! BUT NOW I KNOW I'VE COME CORRECT!

THESE WAVEFORMS ARE PURE *ELECTRONIC* DATA!

IT'S A TASTY SNACK...

...BUT I'VE COME FOR THE *FULL* MEAL!

*NO!* YA DON'T MESS WITH ANOTHER MAN'S *GEAR*, KID!

YOU CAN'T HIJACK MY FREQUENCY!

Sc-Sc-SCRATCH

I'VE GOTTA WRECK HIS DECKS OR IT'LL BE MY NECK. OH NO, NOW HE'S GOT ME *RHYMING* TOO!

WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY SOUNDS?

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM... *EAT 'EM!*

GRANDPA, ARE YOU OKAY?

YEAH! IT LOOKS LIKE UPGRADE IS GETTING PRETTY FULL THOUGH!

I'M GONNA BLOW... UUURRRPPP!!!

NOOOOOO!

GOOD WORK, BEN! NOW THAT THE TOWN IS BACK TO *NORMAL*, WE CAN ENJOY A LITTLE THEATER IN THE ROUND. IT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLAY, *HAMLET*!

*WHAT?* I'VE STILL GOT SOME *RINGING* IN MY EARS!

WELL, THEN YOU CAN JUST *BE* WHILE WE ENJOY THE SWEET *SOUND* OF SHAKESPEARE!

the end

MAPZONE.COM SAYS THE *BARBERSHOP* SHOULD BE JUST UP MAIN STREET ON THE LEFT.

I'M SURE *GLAD* YOU KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND THAT LAPTOP, GWEN.

YEAH, THANKS, GWEN. YOU'RE A REAL *WIZ.*

YOU KNOW NO GOOD MILITARY MAN *OR* SUPERHERO IS WORTH A HILL OF BEANS IF HE CAN'T SEE PAST HIS BANGS, BEN.

*FOOF!* THEY'RE NOT *THAT* LONG, GRANDPA.

I NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY *LITTLE BOYS* ARE SO SCARED OF THE BARBER.

# BARBERSHOP BLUES

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WHO'S A *LITTLE BOY?* AND HOW CAN I GET MY HAIR *CUT* WHEN I DON'T *HAVE* ANY? HUH? TELL ME *THAT*, MISS SMARTY-PANTS!

YOU *MIGHT NOT* HAVE HAIR NOW, BUT IN TEN MINUTES, WHEN YOU *REVERT* TO A LITTLE BOY, YOUR BANGS ARE STILL GOING TO BE IN YOUR EYES.

BEEP BEEP

*WHOA!* COOL YOUR JETS, YOU TWO. GOOD TRY, BEN. I THINK WE'LL WAIT TILL YOU TURN BACK TO BEN BEFORE WE GO INTO THE BARBER'S. WE DON'T WANT TO SCARE THE POOR MAN *HALF TO DEATH!*

AND NOW, LUIGI WILL GIVE YOU THE *ULTIMATE* HAIRCUT EXPERIENCE... WHA?! WHAT WAS THAT?

BRRRINNG

WE... JUST NEED... UH... *NORMAL* SHORT-BACK-AND-SIDES. CAN YOU DO *THAT?*

NO WAY!

GASP!

HEH. *POOCHY* JUST LETS *LUIGI* WORK OUT SOME OF MY FANCIER MOVES ON HER.

WOOF.

AH, BUT LOOK AT THOSE LONG LOCKS! WHAT *MAGNIFICENCE!* LUIGI COULD REALLY DO SO MUCH MORE THAN A BORING, *NORMAL* HAIRCUT...

GEE, LUIGI, *THANKS.* BUT GWEN THINKS SHE'LL *KEEP* HER DO FOR NOW.

*PSHAW!* NOT YOU. *HIM.* HE HAS A WONDERFULLY FULL *HEAD* OF HAIR. *MMM!* THE POSSIBILITIES...

*ULP.* I, *UH,* JUST WANT A *BUZZ CUT,* I THINK.

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR. NO MUSS, NO FUSS! A REAL *MILITARY* CUT!

OOCHA! WHATEVER YOU LIKE. LUIGI THINKS THIS IS SUCH A *WASTE!* BUT PLEASE, SIT.

THANKS, LOUIE. DON'T WORRY, BEN, THIS WON'T HURT A BIT.

I KNOW.

WHOOSH!

THAT'S WHAT *YOU* THINK!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? MY ARMS! I CAN'T REACH THE *OMNITRIX!*

LUIGI CUTS MORE THAN HAIR, MY LITTLE FRIEND. BUT DON'T WORRY I *PROMISE* THIS WILL TAKE QUITE A LONG TIME! HA HA HA!

*LET HIM GO!* UH! WHA--?

JUST OUR LUCK--WE RUN INTO A PODUNK SWEENEY TODD!

OH, LUIGI DOESN'T MAKE MEAT PIES. LUIGI IS A *VEGETARIAN!*

OH *REALLY,* SO DO I. MAYBE WE CAN TRADE RECIPES SOMETIME, JUST LET ME OUT...

KLONK!

DON'T YOU TOUCH MY GRANDKIDS, YOU *FREAK!*

ROOOFF

UGH! NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, OLD MAN!

LUIGI WILL SAVE THE BOY'S HAIR FOR LAST. *YOU* WILL GET A QUICK, CHEAP AND *UGLY* CUT!

NOW I CAN REACH! THANKS, LUIGI!

BEN! *HURRY!*

BEEP BEEP

GRRRRR!

OH, MY! THIS *IS* GOING TO BE AN INTERESTING JOB. LOOK AT ALL OF THAT*SPINEY* HAIR... UH-OH!!!

RRAAARRGGHH!!

REMEMBER, THE FIRST CUT IS THE *DEEPEST!*

HOOOOOWL!

SNAP

LUIGI LIKES GIVING POOCHES CUTS. C'MON, GOOD BOY!

ARRGRROWL!

WHIZZZ

LUIGI WILL NOT CHARGE EXTRA FOR THE TONIC BATH. IT WILL *DEFINITELY* MAKE YOU SMELL BETTER, AND IT MIGHT *SOFTEN* UP YOUR PRICKLY HAIRS.

GRRRR

SNIP SNIP

ROOOOHH!

*BEN!* HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT, SON!

ROAAAGH!

PTEW

PTEW

PTEW

PTEW

PTEW

NICE SHOTS!

OOOPS, CLOSE *SHAVE* THERE, BEN!

THRP!

THRP!

GOTCHA, HONEY! HERE, HAVE YOUR APRON *BACK*, LUIGI!

UH.. GRANDPA...

HA! LUIGI WILL CUT IT TO *SHREDS* JUST LIKE HE WILL DO TO YOU IN A MOMENT!

SNIP SNIP SNIP SNIP

BEN, *BLAST HIM!*

TWOOP TWOOP

HA! YOU'VE MISSED!

NO!!!

FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP

STAY AWAY! NO-NO-NO-NO... *AHHHH!!!*

KRA-CHUNK!

GOOD JOB, BEN! IF YOU STILL WANT THAT *BUZZ CUT* WHEN YOU TURN BACK, I'VE GOT MY OLD CLIPPERS IN RATTLETRAP.

*PHEW!* I THINK HE'LL NEED A *BATH* BEFORE HE NEEDS A HAIRCUT, GRANDPA!

RRRR?!

END

THE *NERVE* OF THAT GUY AT THE CHAIR LIFT!

TELLING ME THE BEGINNERS' SLOPE IS BETTER FOR PEOPLE *"MY AGE!"*

AW, HE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT.

HE PROBABLY JUST DIDN'T WANT YOU TO *BREAK A HIP* OR SOMETHING.

*WHAT?!*

YOU'RE NOT HELPING.

IT'S OKAY, GRANDPA. WE KNOW YOU'RE IN GREAT SHAPE.

IT'S JUST THAT WHEN PEOPLE GET OLDER...

NOW DON'T *YOU* START!

*TENNYSON!*

LONG TIME, NO SEE.

MAYBE THAT'S 'CAUSE HE LOCKED US UP AND LEFT US TO *ROT*, BOSS!

YEAH, GROOMBAH. BUT NOW IT'S *PAYBACK* TIME!

UM, I HATE TO BREAK UP ALL THIS *BAD GUY TRASH TALK*. BUT I *NEVER* FOUGHT YOU GUYS BEFORE!

HUH? DON'T BE *RIDICULOUS*, BOY!

I DIDN'T MEAN *YOU*--

--I MEANT *HIM!*

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GRANDPA MAX? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

TIME HAS NOT DIMMED MY *MEMORY*, BOY.

"YEARS AGO, MAXWELL TENNYSON WAS PART OF YOUR WORLD'S SECRET DEFENSE FORCE, ***THE PLUMBERS!*** HE AND HIS PARTNER ***EXILED*** US FROM THIS BACKWATER PLANET!"

BUT NOW, WE HAVE *RETURNED*--

--FOR *REVENGE!*

OH, YEAH? NOT IF *I*--

NO, BEN. *I'LL* HANDLE THIS!

HUH? BUT, GRANDPA, THERE'S THREE OF THEM-- AND THEY'VE GOT *GUNS!*

MAYBE YOU BEAT THESE GUYS *BACK IN THE DAY*, BUT *NOW*...

"NOW" WHAT? I'M *TOO* OLD?!

I SAID *I'LL* HANDLE THIS.

YOU TAKE COVER! *GO!*

NO, SLEZAK. DON'T WASTE YOUR *AMMUNITION.*

THE ONE *WE* WANT IS TENNYSON!

WHAT'RE YOU *DOING*, TWERP? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO *HELP GRANDPA?*

WHAT DO YOU *WANT* FROM ME? HE TOLD ME *NOT* TO!

YOU'RE GOING TO LET YOUR GRANDFATHER GET *KILLED* BY HEAVILY ARMED *SUPER-ALIENS--*

*NO WAY!* DON'T BE A DWEEB!

--JUST SO HE DOESN'T FEEL *OLD?*

BUT WHAT GRANDPA DOESN'T *KNOW* WON'T *HURT* HIM.

SO NOW THAT WE'RE *OUT OF SIGHT--*

--IT'S TIME TO *GET SMALL--*

*--AS GREY MATTER!*

WOULD IT MATTER?

NOT REALLY.

BLAST HIM!

KOWW

ONLY *ONE* CHANCE! IF MY ENHANCED *BRAIN POWER* HAS CALCULATED THE ANGLE OF DEFLECTION *CORRECTLY*...

AAARRRGGH!

Y-YOU *SHOT* ME! YOU *SHOT* ME IN THE *FOOT!*

DO YOU *KNOW* HOW LONG THAT'LL TAKE TO *REGENERATE*?!

G-GEE, SLEZAK, I'M *SORRY*! I--I DIDN'T *MEAN*--

EXCUSE ME...

...REMEMBER ME?

WHAM

REMEMBER *ME?*

I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO THIS WITH MY *BARE HANDS!*

SHEESH! IT'S LIKE THIS GUY SWALLOWED THE *"IDIOT'S GUIDE TO SUPER-VILLAIN DIALOGUE"* OR SOMETHING!

WELL, MAYBE THIS :NNGH: *SKI POLE* WILL SHUT HIM UP.

WHUMMPF!

KZOWW

WATCH YOUR STEP, HONCH--

--THAT SNOW IS *SLIPPERY!*

HA! YOU *MISSED!*

WHA--?

NO, I DIDN'T.

YAAAAAHHH!

WHOOOOOAAAA!

GRANDPA! GRANDPA! ARE YOU OKAY?

'COURSE I AM, GWEN.

*THOSE* ARE THE GUYS YOU SHOULD BE ASKING ABOUT.

I'LL CALL SOMEONE TO PICK UP THE *TRASH*.

WHOA! ALIENS ON ICE!

GRANDPA-- YOU BEAT THESE GUYS ALL BY *YOURSELF*?

FEELS *GOOD* TO KNOW THE OLD MAN'S STILL *GOT* IT, HUH?

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT'S EVEN *BETTER*?

KNOWING I'VE GOT FAMILY THAT *CARES* ENOUGH TO WATCH MY BACK--

--WITHOUT HURTING MY FOOLISH *PRIDE*.

UH...

WE WERE JUST...

I KNOW. THANKS, KIDS.

ANYTIME, GRANDPA.

ANYTIME.

the end

WHOA!

YOU THINK SOMEONE *LITTERED?*

*ATTENTION,* YOU IN THE BANK!

THE BUILDING IS *SURROUNDED!* GIVE YOURSELF UP!

IV BANK

IV BANK

NOT A CHANCE!

I'M *THE CHALLENGER!* AN' YOU AIN'T TAKIN' *MY* CHALLENGE -- NOT WHILE I GOT PEOPLE IN HERE!

*MOVE ALONG,* FOLKS! WE HAVE A *HOSTAGE SITUATION* HERE. THINGS COULD GET *DANGEROUS!*

NO PROBLEM, OFFICER.

GEE, WE CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE *DANGEROUS...*

NOPE. NOT *US...*

GUESS I'D BETTER *MOVE ALONG* --

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-- AND I DO MEAN MOVE ALONG --

-- AS XLR8!

SOME KINDA *SUPER-HERO?*

IT'S *ABOUT TIME!*

SORRY TO KEEP YOU *WAITING!*

NO PROB.

PUSH

*WHA-?* C-CAN'T KEEP MY FOOTING!

*H-HEY!*

*WWHOOOAAA!*

SPLUDD

AN' *THAT'S* WHATCHA CALL A *SLICK* GETAWAY!

*W-WHOOPS!*

*WATCH OUT!*

LATER...

...SO BY THE TIME I SLID OVER TO SOMEPLACE I COULD *STAND*, HE WAS LONG GONE.

HE REALLY GAVE YOU THE *SLIP*, HUH?

NOT SURPRISING. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DID IT, BUT HIS PATH IS NEARLY *FRICTIONLESS!*

UNFORTUNATELY, THOUGH, IT LOOKS LIKE THE TRAIL ENDS *HERE.*

*RATS!* SO MUCH FOR *TRACKING* HIM...

ANY *OTHER* BRIGHT IDEAS FOR FINDING HIM, EINSTEIN?

WEOWEOWEOWEOWEO

OLICE

YEAH, MAYBE *ONE.*

BUT *THIS* TIME, LET'S TRY SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T RELY SO MUCH ON HIS *FEET* --

BIJOU FINE GEMS AND JEWELRY

-- LIKE *FOUR ARMS!*

AWRIGHT, THE COPS AIN'T GONNA COME IN FOR ANOTHER *FEW MINUTES* -- NOT UNTIL THEY'RE *SURE* I AIN'T GOT HOSTAGES!

BUT IF SOME *HERO* DON'T SHOW UP *SOON* --

*BOOYEAH!* YOU MIGHT BE THE *CHALLENGER*, BUT I'M THE *CHAMPION!*

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY: *FOUR* ARMS ARE BETTER THAN --

KRAKOOM

-- *EIGHT?!*

THUD A POW

YOU'RE JUST *FULL* OF SURPRISES, AREN'T YOU?

BEEP BEEP

UH-OH.

TIME'S UP *ALREADY?*

LATER, DUDE! GOTTA GO!

HEY! WHERE YA *GOIN'?!*

COME *BACK* HE--

MY *ARMS!*

AW, THIS AIN'T GOOD...

LOOKING A LITTLE *SHORT-HANDED,* CHALLENGER!

AND I DON'T SEE YOU MAKING STUFF *SLIPPERY* ANYMORE, EITHER!

WHO-?

I'M GUESSING IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T *HAVE* ANY SUPER-POWERS OF YOUR *OWN!*

BUT WHEN YOU FIGHT SOMEONE WHO *DOES,* YOU *SPROUT* WHATEVER YOU NEED TO BEAT THEM, RIGHT?

*NNGH!*

PRETTY *SMART,* KID!

WHY D'YA THINK I STAGED SUCH *FLASHY* CRIMES? I NEEDED TO GRAB SOME SUPER-HERO'S ATTENTION --

-- SO I COULD GRAB THE *POWER* TO PULL IT OFF!

*WHOOOFF!*

BUT THAT MEANS PLAIN OLD *BEN TENNYSON* CAN TAKE YOU *DOWN* --

-- BECAUSE I DON'T *HAVE* ANY POWERS!

*NICE TRY,* SQUIRT!

BUT NOW, PLAYTIME'S *OV*--

*THWAK*

I DON'T HAVE POWERS EITHER.

EVERYBODY OKAY?

ALL CLEAR. I TOOK CARE OF IT.

*YOU* TOOK CARE OF IT? I DID ALL THE WORK!

WHAT? *WHO* KNOCKED HIM OUT?

I HAD HIM RIGHT WHERE I WANTED HIM!

MAYBE I HIT THE *WRONG* GUY WITH THE BROOM...

OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD. YOU TWO CAN ARGUE *LATER.*

RIGHT *NOW,* WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE -- BEFORE THE *POLICE* BURST IN AND START ASKING QUESTIONS.

*HEY, YOU!*

YOU THREE AGAIN?! I *TOLD* YOU TO *MOVE ALONG!*

GET THESE KIDS *OUT* OF HERE!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, OFFICER. WE'RE *ON OUR WAY.*

AFTER ALL, A CRIME SCENE IS *NO PLACE* FOR *CHILDREN!*

THE END

NASA

WOW! JUST... WOW!

FOR ONCE, I HAVE TO AGREE WITH YOU, BEN. THIS IS SUPER *COOL*, GRANDPA!

WELL, *GENERAL HOUSTON* OWED ME A LITTLE *FAVOR*, AND SINCE WE WERE PASSING THROUGH FLORIDA...

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I HEARD THAT *BOOMING* VOICE ALL THE WAY FROM MY OFFICE. *MAX*, IT'S *GREAT* TO SEE YA!

*GEORGE*, YOU SON OF A GUN! I THINK WE'VE KNOCKED THE KIDS' SOCKS OFF!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

HOW ABOUT IF I KNOCK YOUR SOCKS INTO *ORBIT*? I'VE GOTTEN SPECIAL CLEARANCE TO ADMIT YOU TWO ON THE *SHUTTLE SIMULATION* FOR SPACE CAMP TODAY.

*REALLY*? CAN WE? *PLEASE*, GRANDPA?

I DUNNO... MAYBE YOU'RE NOT *PREPARED*...

QUIT JOKING, GRANDPA! YOU *KNOW* WE'RE READY FOR A LITTLE *OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD* ACTION!

OF *COURSE* I'M KIDDING! *HA HA HA!*

GO SUIT UP, PILOTS!

*RAD!* THANKS, GRANDPA!

*YEAH!* AND THANKS, GENERAL HOUSTON, THIS IS A *DREAM* COME TRUE!

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT SOME NEW RECRUITS ON DECK! JUST SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE RIDE!

*I'D* REALLY LIKE TO HELP WITH SOMETHING. I'M PRETTY GOOD WITH *COMPUTERS,* CAPTAIN.

PRETTY GOOD? SHE'S A *WHIZ!*

YOU CAN CALL ME *LEO.*

*UH...* OKAY... SO WHERE DO I START?

HI, I'M BEN.

HEY, I'M *PATRICK* AND THIS IS MY SISTER *LORI.* THAT'S *RODNEY;* HE'S LOST IN HIS *OWN* LITTLE WORLD.

YOU GUYS ARE PRETTY LUCKY! THEY DON'T USUALLY LET KIDS WHO HAVEN'T TRAINED GO ON THESE *SIMULATED MISSIONS.*

WE'VE HAD SOME, UH, *INTERGALACTIC* EXPERIENCE.

*HA!*

SO, GWEN, YOU CAN HELP RODNEY.

HI. SO WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING? I'M UP ON THE LATEST *OPERATING SYSTEM.*

THIS ONE'S A *LITTLE* MORE ADVANCED. *TRUST* ME.

SHE'S HERE TO HELP. THAT'S AN *ORDER,* RODNEY.

YES, "CAPTAIN." SHE'LL BE A *BIG* HELP, I'M *SURE.*

LET'S GET STRAPPED IN! *IT'S SHOWTIME!*

*ROGER!* WE'RE COMMENCING SIMULATION COUNTDOWN.

10, 9, 8...

WHAT'S THAT LINE OF *CODE?* I'VE NEVER SEEN *ANYTHING* LIKE IT.

I'M *SURE* YOU HAVEN'T.

...3, 2, 1...

W-W-WHAT'S *HA-HA-HAPPENING?*

I D-D-DON'T KNOW. THIS *ISN'T* R-R-RIGHT!

...BLAST OFF?

*WHA-?* HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? THOSE KIDS CAN'T HANDLE *REAL* SPACE TRAVEL!

THEN IT'S A GOOD THING THEY'VE GOT *BEN* WITH THEM!

FWOOOOSH!

BEN? HE'S A NICE KID, BUT HE *BARELY* FILLS OUT THE SPACE SUIT.

YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME IT'S NOT THE *SUIT* THAT MAKES THE *MAN.*

FWOOP!

*UH...* GENERAL HOUSTON... WE HAVE A *PROBLEM!*

*HOLY SMOKES!* MAX, I TRULY HOPE YOU'RE *RIGHT* ABOUT THAT BOY.

ME TOO.

WHERE *ARE* WE?

WHERE ARE THE *STARS?* WE *BLASTED OFF,* RIGHT?

WE DID, BUT THEN SOMETHING *ELSE* HAPPENED.

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR A LITTLE *YOU-KNOW-WHAT.*

YEAH. I'M ON IT.

IT'S TIME TO *UPGRADE* OUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS!

GWEN, ARE YOU OKAY?

*OH MY GOSH!* WHERE *IS* BEN?

HE'S OKAY... HE WAS JUST HERE... HE'LL *BE BACK.*

IS HE MESSING WITH THE COMPUTER SOMEWHERE? HE'LL MESH EVERYTHING UP! DOES HE HAVE A *PDA* OR SOMETHING?

OR *SOMETHING.*

WHOAAAAA!

I THINK THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN *UPGRADED* ALREADY! BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE *ALIEN ALGORITHMS* ARE SAYING! I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON THIS CODE OR WE'RE *DOOMED!*

THAT BRAT MUST'VE LOADED SOME SORT OF *VIRUS.* I'VE GOT JUST THE RIGHT *ANTIBODY* FOR THAT.

BEN?

HE'S NOT OVER HERE.

HE'LL TURN UP. HE ALWAYS DOES.

NASA

*UH!* THESE *ALIEN* NUMBERS ARE DOING A *NUMBER* ON ME!

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?* IS THAT *ALIEN* CODE?

AND WHAT IF IT IS?

NASA

NASA

I NEED AN *ESCAPE ROUTE!* BUT THESE ALIEN CODES ARE RUNNING MY *SYSTEM* IN CIRCLES! I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT!

I'M SURE EVEN *ALIEN* SYSTEMS REACT THE SAME WAY TO THE *ESCAPE* BUTTON!

*NOOOO!* YOU *STUPID* IDIOT!

NASA

*HEY!*

PATRICK! I DON'T LIKE THIS!

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE. *RIGHT,* RODNEY?

OKAY, *MEGA GEEK!* 'FESS UP! WHAT HAVE YOU *DONE?*

I HAVE BEEN *CHOSEN.* THE ALIENS WILL LEARN ENOUGH FROM US KIDS TO *RULE THE EARTH* WITH ME AS THEIR HUMAN EMPEROR!

NASA

*HA!* THOSE ALIENS WILL EAT YOU UP FOR BREAKFAST!

WHERE *WERE* YOU?

BEN! YOU'RE SAFE!

*WHA--?*

HE WAS CHECKING OUT THE... *UH...* SYSTEM... IN THE *CRAWL SPACE.* WHAT DID YOU FIND, BEN?

NASA

I FOUND *THIS* SYMBOL EVERYWHERE! AND I THINK IT CAN GET US *HOME!*

YOU'LL NEVER *DECIPHER* IT IN TIME. THE ALIENS ARE ON THEIR WAY *HERE* TO PICK US UP. IT'S *OVER* FOR YOU!

TELL ME *EVERYTHING* YOU REMEMBER, BEN. LEMME SEE IF I CAN *CRACK* THIS CODE!

*HA!* THERE'S *NOTHING* YOU CAN DO. THAT CODE IS *LIGHT-YEARS* AWAY FROM *ANYTHING* WE KNOW ON EARTH!

FOR A SMART KID, YOU'RE A REAL *FOOL*, RODNEY.

*WHA--?* THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS *DISAPPEARING!*

*HA HA HA!* OOPS!

NASA

DID I *FORGET* TO MENTION THAT THAT WAS THE *SELF-DESTRUCT* CODE?

I KNOW THAT PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IS TOTALLY *IRRATIONAL*, BUT I'M FEELING *PRETTY IRRATIONAL* RIGHT NOW!

ME *THREE!*

*WAIT*, GUYS! WE CAN'T BEAT HIM UP-- HE'S OUR ONLY HOPE AT *COMMUNICATING* WITH THE ALIENS!

ME *TOO!*

NASA

IF THERE'S A *BEAT DOWN* COMIN', I THINK *FOUR ARMS* ARE BETTER THAN TWO...

...*GREY MATTER?* I NEED *BRAWN*, NOT *BRAINS*, HERE!

*HA! HEE! HEE!* YOU'RE TOO LATE! *THEY'RE HERE!*

OH MY... IT'S THE *ALIENS*... LET'S GIVE RODNEY A CHANCE TO *COMMUNICATE* WITH THEM AND *SAVE* THE HUMAN RACE!

*UH*, YEAH. IT'S UP TO *YOU*, RODNEY.

EXCUSE ME. PARDON ME.

RODNEY, YOU HAVE *PASSED* OUR TEST. BUT WE NEED TO CHANGE THE *PLAN.* PSSS... TFFF... SSSSPPP...

YES, OF COURSE. I UNDERSTAND!

TAP INTO THE FAIL-SAFE SYSTEM AND *PROVE* YOUR WORTH WHILE I WORK FROM THE *INSIDE.*

I WILL NOT DISAPPOINT YOU!

*WHEEE!* *NOW* I SEE HOW THIS ALIEN CODE WORKS! LET'S TAKE IT ON HOME!

KRA-FOOM!

UH-OH! BEN!

WHERE *IS* BEN?

DON'T WORRY; THEY SAID THEY HAD A *SPECIAL* MISSION FOR BEN BEFORE THEY SAID GOODBYE!

MISSION *ACCOMPLISHED!* LOOKS LIKE I'M RIGHT ON TIME!

<*HUH?* STUPID HUMANS!>

RWOOP

CHOMP

I *KNEW* YOU TWO COULD GET THE KIDS SAFELY BACK TO OUR HOME DIMENSION!

ALL IT TOOK WAS A LITTLE BIT OF THE OLD *GREY MATTER.*

*YEAH,* WE POPPED BACK JUST IN TIME!

THE END

IT MAY NOT BE THE *SAHARA*, BUT IT'S THE CLOSEST THING WE HAVE IN NORTH AMERICA. ISN'T IT *GLORIOUS?*

*DEATH VALLEY?* I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WAY COOLER!

*COOL?* I DON'T THINK SO. EVEN MY *SWEAT* IS SWEATING.

I MEAN, IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF *SAND!*

*WHOA!*

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT *COMPANY!*

*QUICK!* BACK INTO THE *RUSTBUCKET!*

*BEN!* C'MON! USE THE OMNITRIX TO BREAK FREE!

*UH-OH!* SOMETHING'S WRONG! THE *ENGINE* WON'T TURN OVER!

THE *OMNITRIX* IS HERE!

THAT'S HIM! *TARGET* IS IN HAND!

RMM RMM

*UH!* NO DUH! I CAN'T *REACH* IT!

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GWEN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SAVING OUR BUTTS!

WELCOME TO DEATH VALLEY! TODAY, WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL ON SAND!

PTEWI HE'S LOOSE!

NICE ONE, GWEN! NOW TAKE COVER...

...'CAUSE I'VE GOT MY OWN WELCOMING GIFT FOR THESE CREEPS!

NOW THAT YOU'VE ENJOYED THE SAND, YOU SHOULD STAY FOR THE POUNDING HEAT! OR MAYBE JUST THE POUNDING FISTS!

HE'S USED THE OMNITRIX!

TIME TO GO, GRANDPA!

IT WON'T START, BEN!

LEMME START IT THEN!

CHUGH-UGH-UGGGGH!

FORM THE BATTLETRON LINK!

LOCKED ON TARGET!

HOLY CRUD!

UN-HOLY CRUD IS MORE LIKE IT!

FIRE!

BZZZZ SHWOOOSSSSHH

HOLD ON, GUYS! WE'RE GONNA RIDE THIS *WAVE* FOR ALL IT'S WORTH!

*UGH!* THAT'S GREAT, BEN! USE THE MOMENTUM!

MAYBE IT WILL KICK THE MOTOR OVER!

*WHOOOO!*

IT *WORKED!*

GREAT! NOW, LET'S GET OUT OF *DEATH VALLEY...*

...BEFORE ITS *NAME* STICKS TO US LIKE THE SAND IN MY HAIR!

*GRANDPA!* THEY'RE *STILL* COMING!

Diners TRUCK STOP

COFFEE SHOP

THE ENGINE IS *OVERHEATING!* I'VE GOT TO PULL INTO THIS TRUCK STOP!

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIX UP THE RUSTBUCKET IN HERE.

I DON'T KNOW; A LOT OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS *TOTALLY* RUSTED.

I'M *STARVING.* LET'S SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY FOOD LEFT NEXT DOOR.

I DOUBT THE *FOOD* IS IN BETTER SHAPE THAN *THIS.*

*YEESH!* THERE'S GOTTA BE A BAG OF CHIPS OR SOMETHING.

GO CHECK IT OUT, BUT BE CAREFUL. I'M GOING TO SEE WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE MOTOR.

THOSE DOUGHNUTS LOOK LIKE *FOSSILS.* BUT THERE ARE SOME BAGS OF CHIPS BACK HERE.

*HMMM...*LOTS OF CANS OF BEANS.

AN ORDER OF *MAGICAL FRUIT* FOR TABLE 23!

HA! THANKS, *CHEF TOOT!*

*HERE!* TRY SOMETHING A LITTLE *SAFER!*

THANKS! *OOOPS!*

ZESTY Chips

# *RRRUUUUMMMBBBLLLEEE*

*UH-OH!* I-I-I G-G-GUESS THEY F-F-FOUND US!

*BEN!* TIME TO--

I'M WAY AHEAD OF YA!

HEEELP!

GWEN! I GOTCHA!

KRASH!

UPGRADE? THIS WHOLE PLACE NEEDS AN UPGRADE!

THERE'S NOT MUCH UPGRADE CAN DO IN THIS OLD *DINER!* MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE GARAGE...

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH *TIME!*

BOOM

GET BACK TO THE RUSTBUCKET, GUYS! I'VE GOT AN IDEA ABOUT THIS *GREASY SPOON!*

TARGET LOCATED!

YOU WANT THE *OMNITRIX?* COME AND GET IT!

WHO ORDERED THE *DEEP-FRIED BEANS?*

*RETRIEVAL* IN PROGRESS! *WHA--?*

I HOPE YOU LIKE THE BLUE PLATE SPECIAL. IT'S GOT A LITTLE *KICK!*

*ALIEN* SUBSTANCE HAS BEEN INGESTED! CLOGGING... FUNCTIONALITY... CIRCUITS!

THAT'S THE KICK I WAS TALKING ABOUT! GOTTA LOVE THAT MAGICAL, *COMBUSTIBLE* FRUIT!

FLOOO

# BEN 10 ALIEN DATA FILES: HEATBLAST

UH, GRANDPA? I *KNOW* THIS WAS YOUR OLD HEADQUARTERS WHEN YOU WERE IN THAT SUPER-SECRET GROUP, THE *PLUMBERS.*

BUT WHY'D YOU BRING US HERE NOW?

YEAH. WE HAD TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE TO WATCH YOU PLAY *VIDEO GAMES?*

THIS IS *NO GAME.* THE PLUMBERS KEPT AN *EXTENSIVE DATABASE* ON THE ALIEN RACES THEY ENCOUNTERED.

SO I FIGURED IF BEN'S GOING TO KEEP TURNING INTO ALIEN HEROES --

-- IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR HIM TO *KNOW* SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.

HEY! IT'S HEAT-BLAST!

CLOSE. ACTUALLY, IT'S A MEMBER OF HEATBLAST'S ALIEN RACE, THE *PYRONITES.*

*PYRONITES* ARE NATIVE TO THE SEMI-SOLID STAR *PYROS.*

TO ADAPT TO THE *EXTREME HEAT* OF THEIR HOMEWORLD, PYRONITES HAVE EVOLVED INTO CREATURES OF *LIVING FLAME.*

YOU MEAN HEATBLAST'S BODY IS MADE OUT OF *FLAMES?*

*WHOA!* TALK ABOUT A *HOT FOOT!*

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THIS FIERY NATURE IS THE PYRONITES' GREATEST SOURCE OF *STRENGTH.*

IT GIVES THEM THE ABILITY TO *PROJECT* HEAT AND FLAME FROM MOST PARTS OF THEIR BODIES.

BY *CHANNELING* THEIR HEAT IN VARIOUS WAYS, PYRONITES CAN ALSO CREATE DEFENSIVE *SMOKE SCREENS* OR EVEN *FLY.*

HOWEVER, THEIR FIERY NATURE ALSO MAKES PYRONITES *VULNERABLE.*

PYRONITES CAN BE *WEAKENED* OR *KILLED* BY SUBSTANCES THAT *EXTINGUISH* FLAME, SUCH AS LARGE AMOUNTS OF *WATER.*

NOT TO MENTION THAT YOU KEEP BURNING THROUGH *CHAIRS* WITH YOUR BLAZING *TUSH!*

HEY, IT'S NOT *MY* FAULT!

EVERYBODY *KNOWS* I'M *HOT STUFF!*

END

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SO THAT'S WHEN I MADE A *KILLING* ON THAT STOCK, BUT *THEN* I REINVESTED IN NANO-TYKES INC., AND *TRIPLED* MY MONEY IN THREE WEEKS! MIND YOU, I--

OH, I GOT A *BITE!*

HERE YOU GO -- FRESH-SQUEEZED *LEMONADE* FOR THE TWO *HANDSOMEST* ARMY BUDDIES IN THE WORLD!

--COMES COMPLETE WITH THE *FINEST* CYBER-GYRO SYSTEM MONEY CAN BUY! IT BASICALLY DRIVES ITSELF.

OH, THIS IS TOO COOL!

SO... MUCH... WATER...

HAH! HAH-HAH! THE WINNER WINS AGAIN!

WONDERFUL, CHARLES. WE'LL HAVE *SASHIMI* FOR LUNCH!

*SIGH*

*OH!* WAIT!...UM... PLEASE?

ISN'T IT MORE SPORTING TO CATCH AND *RELEASE* IT? I MEAN, THE *POOR* THING...

NOW, GWEN, THAT'S THE *SILLIEST* THING I EVER--

--WHOA!

FWOOMP!

*DARN* THAT BUM ANKLE!

SPLOOSH

WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE *CATLIKE REFLEXES* YOU HAD IN THE ARMY, MAX?

I LOVE YOU, GRANDPA MAX.

WHATEVER.

*WOO-HOO!* WE'LL HAVE *SASHIMI* YET!

WELL, WE ALL GET OLDER.

WHOA, I *GOT* ONE!

COME ON, KID. I NEED A HAND!

I GOT YOU, GRANDPA!

*WHOA!* WHAT IS THIS? A *WHALE?*

*WOOP!*

OH, GOSH, WHAT *IS* IT?

NO, IT CAN'T BE! A *MERMAID?*

HEE HEE HEE! THAT'S RIGHT, HONEY. I'M A *MERMAID.*

NOW HAND OVER ALL THE *CASH!*

GET AWAY FROM THEM!

*AIEEEK!*

PUT YOUR HANDS UP OVER YOUR HEADS.

DROP ALL YOUR WALLETS AND JEWELRY AND PUT IT INTO THE BAG.

BUT THIS WAS MY BIRTHDAY GIFT.

WELL, HAPPY B-DAY TO ME!

HEY, KID. I LIKE THAT *WATCH*. PUT IT IN THE BAG.

NOW!

OKAY. OKAY. LET ME JUST SET IT RIGHT FOR YOU.

YEAH. IT'S ON, UH, TOKYO TIME.

*RIPJAW!*

RAWR!

*THWAK!*

HUH!

AHH!

*GWEN!* GET THE OTHERS TO THE BACK OF THE BOAT!

WHAT THE—UNGH!

WHAK!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT THING?

WHO CARES? JUST KILL IT!

BWOOM!

BWOOM!

*AHHI* SEAL'S RUPTURED!

BWOOM!

BWOOM!

ORCA ONE! I NEED BACK UP!

STOP SQUIRMING AND GIVE IT UP!

LET GO OF --

*HUH?*

*EW! GROSS!*

*--ME!*

WOOMP

OH, NO. HOW *LONG* HAS IT BEEN?

BEN'S GOING TO CHANGE BACK--

"--UNDERWATER!"

URGH--- ACK--

GOT YOU, BOY!

BLUURGH--A--KOFF--

HELLLLP! HELLLLP ME!

JEEZ, LADY. JUST CALM DOWN.

CAP! DID YOU GET THE COAST GUARD YET?!

OH, NO!

NOW YOU'RE IN SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE!

AW, HECK!

KOFF KOFF KOFF

BEN! MAYBE IF YOU TRY ANALYZING THIS ROBOT HELMET!

OH... OKAY. LET'S SEE.

THAT'S RIGHT, BEN. *ANALYZE* AND *NEUTRALIZE*, AND *HURRY!* A TORPEDO IS COMING!

*OH!* RIGHT. COOL! I'LL USE--

*--UPGRADE!*

FWOOM!

*BZZZZZZT*

*BZZZZZT*

*AAAHHHHI*

AFTERWARDS.

YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER GOT US IF IT WASN'T FOR THOSE *FREAKS OF NATURE* SHOWING UP!

WELL, BLESS *ALL* FREAKS. *EVERY* ONE.

ALL THAT FOR *CHUMP CHANGE!*

*LOOK* AT WHAT THEY DID TO MY POOR SHIP. THE REPAIRS *ALONE* WILL SET ME BACK TWICE THAT.

THEY'VE BEEN TERRORIZING THE *SOUTH PACIFIC* FOR MONTHS. THEY MUST HAVE STOLEN CLOSE TO *THREE MILLION* BY NOW.

*HEH HEH.* GUESS OLE MONEYBAGS IS FEELING THE PINCH.

*POOR* GUY.

YOU KNOW, KIDS. IT'S NEVER NICE TO SMILE WHEN A *FRIEND* IS IN PAIN.

*NEVER* EVER EVER.

...AT LEAST NEVER MORE THAN A *FEW MINUTES.*

*MAX!* LET'S TALK ABOUT MARKETING THAT AMAZING WATCH! DO YOU HAVE A *PATENT PENDING?*

WASHINGTON, DC --

THERE IT IS, KIDS -- THE *WHITE HOUSE!*

YOU KNOW, EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I STILL HAVE A *FRIEND* OR TWO WORKING THERE.

REALLY, GRANDPA? DO YOU THINK WE COULD MEET THE *PRESIDENT?*

YOU KIDDING, GWEN? IF THE PRESIDENT KNEW THERE WAS A REAL, LIVE *SUPER HERO* HERE, HE'D BE COMING OUT TO MEET *ME!*

IN YOUR *DREAMS!*

HAVE YOU *SEEN* THE SECURITY HERE? THEY'VE GOT *SECRET SERVICE, ARMY GUYS...*

...I BET *NOBODY* GETS IN!

EXCEPT, MAYBE, A *HEAVILY-ARMED GORILLA.*

OH, NOT *AGAIN!**

* DID YOU CATCH BEN'S BATTLE WITH URBAN GORILLA IN CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK #9? -- JOHNNY DC

WELL, YOU DON'T NEED *SUPER POWERS* TO STOP A GUY IN A *GORILLA MASK...*

IT -- IT'S NOT A MASK...

*OW!* WATCH THE FUR, KID! IT DON'T COME OFF!

CHARRRGE!

I DON'T *BELIEVE* IT! A *TALKING GORILLA* -- INVADING THE *WHITE HOUSE?*

NOT A TALKING GORILLA --

CHAAARRRRGE!

-- LOTS OF TALKING GORILLAS!

# MONKEY BUSINESS


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THERE HAS TO BE A LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR THIS!

AND THERE IT IS --

-- DOCTOR ANIMO!

SO THE *GOVERNMENT* WOULDN'T FUND MY RESEARCH ON *ANIMAL GENETICS*, EH? THEN, MY ANIMALS WILL TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT INSTEAD!

*FORWARD*, MEN! SHOW THESE APES WHAT YOU'RE *MADE* OF!

BUT WATCH OUT FOR THEIR *STUN BLAST*--

*ARRGH!*

OKAY, THIS IS *WAY* OUT OF HAND!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME FOR SOME HELP--

-- FROM *CANNONBOLT!*

INCOMING!

HI, GUYS!

WHO'S UP FOR SOME *MONKEY IN THE MIDDLE?*

I *KNEW* IT!

EVERY TIME I LAUNCH A SCHEME, ONE OF YOU HEROES *INTERFERES!* BUT NOT *THIS* TIME!

GET HIM!

OOK!

EEK!

UK!

OOK!

NO CHANCE, DOC!

I WAS THE *SIX-TIME DODGEBALL CHAMP* OF THE FIFTH GRADE!

SO...

ANY *MORE* TRICKS, ANIMO?

*ONE,* ACTUALLY.

YOU MAY HAVE BEATEN MY *SIMIAN SQUADRON.* BUT NOW, PREPARE TO FACE MY *ULTIMATE CREATION* -- THE APEX OF *ANTHROPOID EVOLUTION* --

-- INFINITE MONKEY!

UH, BEN... I'M NOT SO SURE YOU CAN KNOCK *THIS* GUY OVER.

MAYBE NOT.

BUT I'VE STILL GOTTA *TRY!*

FOOLISH CREATURE. YOUR EFFORTS ARE FUTILE AGAINST AN ADVERSARY --

-- WHO CAN CAUSE TIME TO FLOW MORE *QUICKLY* AROUND YOU.

I NEVER *CHANGE BACK* THIS --

-- SOOOONN!

NEVERTHELESS, I TAKE NO *PLEASURE* IN VICTORIES OVER SUCH *PRIMITIVE CREATURES.*

YOU HUMANS ARE AS *BENEATH* MY NOTICE AS ANTS IN AN ANTHILL.

YEAH? WELL, IF YOU'RE ALL *EVOLVED* AND STUFF --

-- THEN WHY'RE YOU HELPING *THIS* GUY?

THAT...

...IS A GOOD QUESTION.

SEVENTEEN LIGHT YEARS FROM HERE, A NEW GALAXY IS IN THE PROCESS OF *FORMATION.* MY ATTENTION IS BETTER SPENT *THERE.*

I *CREATED* YOU!

*YOU* CAN'T GO UNTIL I SAY --

FAREWELL, CREATOR.

PERHAPS IT SHALL PROVE LESS EMBARRASSING IF NO ONE ELSE REMEMBERS THIS DAY'S EVENTS.

...HUH...?

WHO ARE YOU...?

WHO, ME? OH, *UH*... NOBODY! NOBODY AT ALL!

I'LL JUST BE GOING...

NOT SO FAST!

...AND WHAT ARE ALL THESE GORILLAS DOING HERE?

COME ON, KIDS. WE'D BETTER GO BEFORE SOMEONE ASKS WHAT *WE'RE* --

*MAX!*

MAX TENNYSON!

IS -- IS THAT...?

IT *CAN'T* BE...

YOU OLD SCALAWAG! WHERE HAVE YOU *BEEN?*

YOU HAVEN'T DROPPED BY IN *AGES!*

SORRY, SIR. MY TIME'S BEEN FILLED UP BY MY *GRANDCHILDREN* LATELY...

WELL, AT LEAST COME IN FOR A SODA OR SOMETHING...

WE HAVE *GOT* TO ASK GRANDPA MORE ABOUT HIS OLD JOB.

UH-HUH!

THE END

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